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IGOSS (IPLAN III), MARCH 29 - APRIL 1

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1. MAIN ACTIONS OF SESSION WERE: A) APPROVAL OF IGOSS GENERAL PLAN AND IMPLEMENTATION PROGRAM 1977/1982; B) REVIEW OF PROPOSED PROGRAM FOR MONITORING BACKGROUND LEVELS OF SELECTED POLLUTANTS IN OPEN OCEAN WATERS (SEE REF 2313); C) ASSESSMENT OF BATHY/TESAC EXCHANGE PROGRAM (NOTE: ADDITIONAL COUNTRIES PARTICIPATING ARE ARGENTINA, BRAZIL, INDIA, AND SPAIN. ARGENTINA AND BRAZIL HAVE NAMED COASTAL RADIO STATIONS FOR RECEPTIONS OF THESE DATA, THE FIRST SOUTH AMERICAN COUNTRIES TO DO SO).

2. DISCUSSIONS WERE HELD ALSO ON PROVISION OF IGOSS SERVICES TO FISHERIES AFFECTED BY THE EL NINO PHENOMENON, SERVICES TO BE BASED ON PROPOSALS PRESENTED BY FAO. SESSION RECOMMENDED STUDY OF THESE PROPOSALS ALONG WITH OTHERS TO BE PROVIDED BY FAO. DRAFT PLAN FOR PROVISION OF IGOSS PRODUCTS AND SERVICES
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IN SUPPORT OF FISHERIES IS TO BE SUBMITTED TO 5TH JOINT

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SESSION OF IOC WORKING COMMITTEE FOR IGOSS AND THE WMO EXCOMM PANEL ON METEOROLOGICAL ASPECTS OF OCEAN AFFAIRS, TO MEET IN EARLY 1978.

3. PROVISIONS WERE MADE FOR FINALIZING PLANS FOR IGOSS SUPPORT OF GARP, PARTICULARLY FGGE, THROUGH CLOSE INTER-ACTIONS WITH THE GARP PLANNING ACTIVITIES.

4. IPLAN III DISCUSSED SAFETY PROVISIONS OF OCEAN DATA ACQUISITION STATIONS (ODAS) ON REQUEST OF JAPANESE. SOVIETS THEN PROPOSED THAT IOC/WMO/IMCO ORGANIZE PLENIPOTENTIARY CONFERENCE FOR DEVELOPMENT OF A CONVENTION ON THE LEGAL STATUS OF OCEAN DATA ACQUISITION STATIONS. AS THIS ITEM HAD NOT BEEN DOCUMENTED IN ANY WAY, IT WAS OPPOSED BY USDEL AND THERE WAS NO OTHER SUPPORT FOR SOVIET PROPOSAL. IN ANSWER TO JAPANESE PROPOSAL, THE MEETING SUGGESTED THAT INFORMATION ON LOCATION AND CHARACTER OF ODAS BUOYS, INCLUDING INFORMATION ON DAMAGE OR LOSS, BE COLLECTED AND CIRCULATED TO ALL INTERESTED COUNTRIES.

5. RESOLUTIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS ADOPTED BY THE SESSION WERE IN LINE WITH US POSITION. DALE

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